

## GIpsy ROBS AND ASSAULTS WOMAN

Mrs. M. E. Wharton Notifies Police of Strange Attack at Her Home.

Because Mrs. M. E. Wharton, of 2605 Floyd Avenue, refused to have her fortune told, an unidentified gipsy woman assaulted and robbed her of more than \$11 yesterday afternoon shortly before 4 o'clock, according to a story Mrs. Wharton told to the police.

The gipsy, who was described as of unusually dark complexion, of large proportions and weighing probably 200 pounds, called at the home of Mrs. Wharton for the purpose of reading palms.

Ushered into the house, she offered her services as a narrator of future good and bad events to Mrs. Wharton. The latter declined, it was said, and without warning the gipsy threw a handful of sand into her eyes.

Temporarily blinded.

Mrs. Wharton, who is about fifty years old, was temporarily blinded and unable to defend herself when the visitor followed up the sand-throwing by a more strenuous attack.

She is alleged to have knocked Mrs. Wharton to the floor, then grabbed a purse containing the money and quickly left the house.

The Second Police Station was notified of the assault and robbery about an hour after it happened, and Detective Krenzel and Bicycle Policeman Tomlinson were detailed on the case.

They called at the Wharton residence, and the story was told them. Although the husband and son of Mrs. Wharton were in the house at the time they were not aware of the presence of the gipsy until she had left.

When they were told by Mrs. Wharton, though many persons were near the house at the time, all were positive when questioned by officers that they had seen no one leave the place.

A group of laborers, at work nearby, also said that they had seen nothing of the woman.

A vague description of her assailant was furnished by Mrs. Wharton. The

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gipsy wore the raiment customary among her race.

The police are now seeking her.

### ACTS HELD INVALID

Railway Rates Are Declared Illegitimate and Confiscatory.

Montgomery, Ala., April 3.—Special Federal Master W. S. Thornton today rendered a report to Judge Thos. G. Jones, holding that, in so far as the Western Railway of Alabama is concerned, the acts passed by the Alabama Legislature in 1908, reducing freight and passenger rates, are invalid, because they are discriminatory and confiscatory. He held, however, that the State rates are not violative of interstate commerce, and in respect he differs from Special Master W. A. Gunter, who was engaged in another phase of the Alabama rate litigation.

This report completes the labors of both special masters.

## ACTION IS ENDED IN BISHOP CASE

No Further Prosecution of Former Cashier of Appomattox Trust Company.

NOLLE PROSEQUI ENTERED

Attorney Mann Tells Why More Litigation Would Be Traveisty on Law.

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Petersburg, Va., April 3.—In the Hustings Court this morning Commonwealth's Attorney R. H. Mann entered a nolle prosequi in all the pending prosecutions against Carter R. Bishop, former cashier of the Appomattox Trust Company, held under 131 or more indictments alleging the making of false reports of the condition of the company to the State Corporation Commission. In explanation of his action, the Commonwealth's attorney, addressing the court, said:

"The cases growing out of the alleged misconduct of the president and cashier of the Appomattox Trust Company, of which the prosecutions now pending against the defendant, Carter R. Bishop, are a part, have occupied the attention of this court during the past fourteen months, during which time one case against the cashier and two against the president have been tried, all of which resulted in acquittals. The contention of the Commonwealth has consistently been that there was a conspiracy between the president and cashier to mislead the funds of the bank, and that such conspiracy was instituted by the president. In view of the fact that the alleged chief actor in the affair is now no longer amenable to justice, the attorney for the Commonwealth feels that it would be the irony of the law were this defendant brought to trial. Believing that further prosecution at this time would be a travesty upon justice, the attorney for the Commonwealth asks leave to enter a nolle prosequi in the pending prosecutions against Carter R. Bishop."

D. Hamilton Wilcox, of counsel for Mr. Bishop, stated that on behalf of his client and himself he desired to express appreciation of the absolute fairness, ability and magnanimity of the attorney for the Commonwealth in the prosecution of the bank cases. The court added that the Commonwealth's attorney had a duty to perform, and he always discharged that duty. Mr. Mann has been much complimented in the community for the force and ability with which he has conducted these prosecutions. His final action in the Bishop cases is generally approved.

Mr. Bishop was thereupon discharged. In his trial last week, as has been stated, the former president of the Appomattox Company was acquitted of conspiracy of guilty knowledge and of wrong in his connection with the affairs of the bank.

Of interest to Confederate Veterans.

Major-General Stith Bolling, commanding the Virginia Division, United Confederate Veterans, has issued a general order announcing to the United Confederate camps of the Virginia Division that the twenty-second annual reunion of the United Confederate organizations will be held in the city of Macon, Ga., on May 2, 3 and 4.

The general commanding urges all camps in the division to elect and send delegates to the reunion in the proportion of one delegate to every twenty active members, and one additional delegate for a fraction of ten members. Each camp is entitled to at least two delegates, provided all dues to the association have been paid. Adjutants of camps are directed to forward to brigadier headquarters a list of delegates and alternates at this earliest practicable date in order that a complete roll may be prepared before the meeting at Macon. Reduced railroad rates have been secured.

On the same date and at the same place the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, of which Mrs. W. J. Belton is president, will hold its annual meeting.

The commanding general wants all the old soldiers of Virginia who can possibly do so to attend this reunion, and show the people of Macon their appreciation of their hospitality, and aid them in making the occasion a memorable one.

Suffocated in Mud.

William Jackson, a young colored man of Dinwiddie county, nineteen years old, met his death last night about 10 o'clock in a peculiar manner. His father's family were moving from Dinwiddie to Prince George county, and the youth was driving a wagon loaded with furniture. On the Cox Road, a few hundred yards west of Petersburg, there was a deep washout, extending nearly to the center of the road. In the darkness and subsequent to a rain storm, Jackson's horse fell on the side, the wagon turned over into it and Jackson was pitched forward. He fell head foremost in the drain at the side of the road, and his head was buried to the shoulders in the mud and water. He was probably rendered insensible by the fall, for there he was suffocated in the mud, or drowned. The body was brought to the city at a late hour, and was this morning identified by the father, who had come to town to look for the boy. Justice Watkins, of Dinwiddie, acting coroner, viewed the body this morning and deemed an inquest unnecessary.

Personal and Otherwise.

The Rev. L. M. Roper, D. D., the new pastor of the First Baptist Church, will enter on his duties as such on Sunday, April 14.

The Rev. J. A. McClure, of Henderson, N. C., the pastor-elect of the Second Presbyterian Church, is expected some time this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald M. McCrea, of New York, are spending a few days at the Petersburg home on Friend Street.

William L. Hall and Miss Carrie Simmons, both of this city, left this morning for Washington, where they were married by the Rev. Samuel H. Greene, D. D.

The Southern Dry Goods Company, of this city, has been awarded the contract for furnishing striped goods for the women convicts in the penitentiary.

In the Hustings Court to-day, James Thomas, colored, pleaded guilty to the charge of robbing a Seaboard Air Line freight car, and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Last night at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. N. E. Pittman, on West Street, Miss Julia Jane Williams and Jessie S. Moody, both of Prince George county, were married by the Rev. A. R. Love.

Baseball Notes.

The Petersburg baseball team is showing improvement under their

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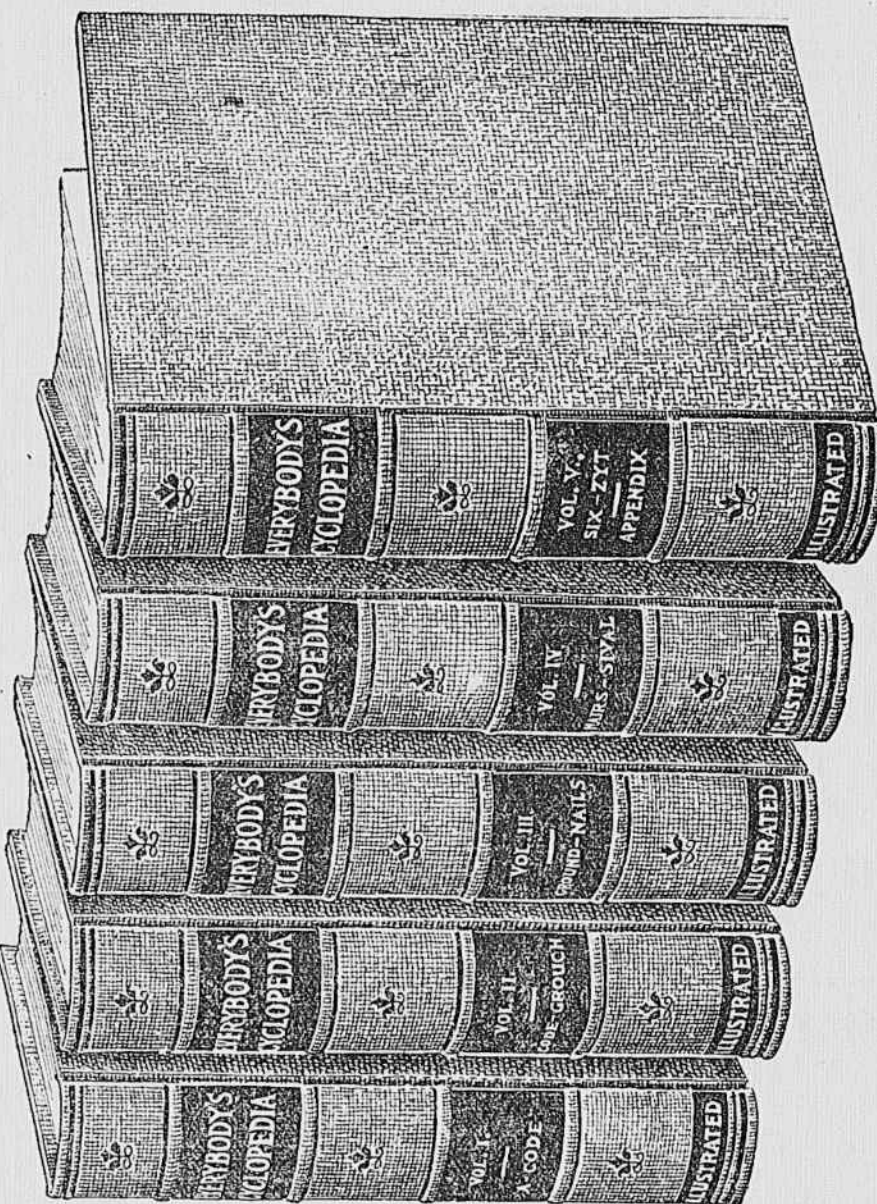
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practicing trials with the teams of the big leagues, and will soon be playing good ball. Manager Busch is about through making experiments, and is letting some of his men go. "Pink slips" were handed this morning to Bransman, pitcher; Brayley, outfielder; and Carroll Taylor.

Greiger, the pitcher from the Blue Grass League, did good work yesterday with the New York team. He pitched three innings and not a hit was made off him.

The Newark team plays three games here this week, beginning to-morrow.

Verdict for Defendant.

Verdict and judgment for the defendant were entered in the Law and Equity Court yesterday in the suit of Julia Ruppert against Joseph E. Houdi.

### Rheumatism

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## WILSON DEFENDS HIS DEPARTMENT

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date or irreparable injury is like to ensue to the complainant unless an injunction is issued without notice, and if it be shown that damage might ensue before an injunction be issued without notice, a temporary restraining order without notice may be issued.

The bill would limit the time of such temporary injunction not to exceed seven days. Heretofore temporary restraining orders issue without notice have not been limited. The committee also ordered a report on the Clayton bill, defining contempt of court, direct and indirect, and providing for trial by jury in cases of indirect contempt, that is for offenses committed against the court outside its presence.

Passes House Match Bill.

Washington, April 3.—In the face of a bitter attack by Senator Bailey, the Senate to-day passed the Esch Hughes House bill to put a prohibitive tax upon the manufacture or importation of white phosphorous matches. Mr. Bailey called the measure a monstrosity, and spoke pointedly of the fact that many women had demanded its passage.

When the labor agitators and the women get through running this Congress, there will not be a shred of the Constitution left," said he.

Senator Lodge had the bill in charge, and when Senator Bailey spoke of agitators he referred to the friendship between the Senator and a former President (Colonel Roosevelt), whom he characterized as "the most pernicious of agitators."

Senator Gallinger, Martine, Cummins and Borah defended the bill, and it was freely admitted that its object was to tax the white phosphorous match industry out of existence in this country. Many ills, among them so-

called phony jaw, are said to afflict the workers.

Returned with Carter.

Sergeant Wiley Brings Man from Roanoke Under Indictment Here.

Detective Sergeant Wiley, about twenty-five years old, who was arrested in Roanoke for the Richmond authorities, Carter was indicted at the March term of the grand jury of the Hustings Court for a grave offense against Mrs. Ellen Miller, alleged to have been committed some time ago. A warrant for his arrest was issued in 1911 by relatives of Miss Miller on a charge less serious than the one which is now held against him. He had left the city, but was later captured in New York and brought to Richmond by Sergeant Wiley. He was arraigned in Police Court and acquitted, the evidence against him not being sufficient. He again left town, and in the meantime relatives of the young woman retained counsel and retained evidence against him was found to have him indicted for a serious crime.

For several weeks the police have been seeking him. A few days ago Captain of

Detectives McMahon discovered a clue that Carter was in Roanoke. He communicated with the police of that city, and the arrest followed.

Carter was taken to the City Jail, and will likely be held until the next term of the Hustings Court.

Now Sergeant Belton.

Well Known Detective Promoted by Police Commissioners.

It is now Detective Sergeant Peter A. Belton, if you please. That title was conferred upon one of the best known sleuths of the Police Department at a meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held last night. Sergeant Belton makes the twenty-second of his rank in the department. He was appointed to the force on July 17, 1905, and served for a long while as a member of the Bicycle Squad. About a year ago he was detailed for plain clothes duty, and his efficient work won for him the promotion.

Say Negro Had Gun.

Reverly Fielder, colored, was arrested yesterday on a charge of carrying a concealed revolver.

## Fighting the Right Plague

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